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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ZANTOVSKY

ZANTOVSKY (HEAD SIXTH DEPT MFA) DEPARTS PRAGUE JUNE 17
FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS IN CANADA (THE LATTER PORTION
IN OTTAWA FOR PARTICIPATION IN BILATERAL POLITICAL CONSUL-
TATIONS AT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL). IT OCCURS
TO US THAT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER INVITING
ZANTOVSKY TO STOP BY WASHINGTON EN ROUTE HOME TO DISCUSS
US-CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS, IF DEPARTMENT FEELS THERE IS
ENOUGH TO DISCUSS TO MAKE SUCH A STOPOVER WORTHWHILE.
WITH FORMER AMBASSADOR SPACIL NOW OUT OF THE PICTURE (AND
TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE NO SUCCESSOR IN SIGHT IN NEAR
FUTURE), AND WITH SECOND-STRING DREW IN CHARGE OF CZECHO-
SLOVAK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, ZANTOVSKY IS PROBABLY THE BEST-
INFORMED CZECH ON THE SUBJECT. OUR THOUGHT WAS
SIMPLY THAT IF DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION OF US-CZECHO-
SLOVAK SITUATION IN THE WAKE OF LONG-GRAVEL WAS AT A STAGE
WHERE SOME INFORMAL SOUNDINGS WITH GOC MIGHT BE USEFUL,
ZANTOVSKY'S TRIP MIGHT PRESENT A TIMELY OCCASION. WE
REALIZE THAT THIS IDEA MAY BE PREMATURE, SINCE IT WOULD
NOT DO TO RAISE FALSE CZECH HOPES THAT WE WERE ONTO
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SOME "SOLUTION." WE DO THINK HOWEVER THAT ZANTOVSKY UNDER-

STANDS US SCENE WELL ENOUGH TO GRASP IDEA OF HIGHLY
INFORMAL SOUNDING JUST TO TEST THE LAY OF THE LAND.

GOC WOULD APPRECIATE SHOW OF CONTINUED INTEREST BY US
SIDE IN AT LEAST DISCUSSING WHERE THINGS STAND, AND
ZANTOVSKY'S RELATIVELY LOW RANK WOULD INSURE THAT NOT
TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE WOULD ATTACH TO SUCH AN INVITATION.
EMBASSY IS NOT ARGUING FOR TGCS PROPOSAL, BUT MERELY
INFORMING DEPARTMENT OF SANTOVSKY'S TRAVEL PLANS IN
CASE DEPARTMENT FEELS SOME SOUNDINGS MIGHT BE HELPFUL AT
THIS TIME.

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